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Mr. A. W. Dulles
Central Intelligence Agency
2430 "E" Street, N.W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Dulles:

As an alumnus of OSS, I was privileged to hear your talk at the Columbia Club Tuesday night. Your visit was most certainly one of the high points of the group's entire program of meetings.

At the same time, I felt no little embarrassment at the naivete of some of the questions put to you. Perhaps the passage of time has blunted the intelligence sense of some of us.

As you may see from this letterhead, I am with the National Industrial Conference Board, one of the most highly regarded economic research institutions in the country. One important part of our activities is our conference work. We hold off-the-record closed sessions to which only members of the Governing Body and their guests are invited. In addition, we hold large open sessions, regional meetings, council meetings, various courses and seminars.

I have in mind here our closed sessions.

General Donovan, General Brentner, cabinet members and others have taken time from their busy schedules to address these "blue chip" audiences. Since our next such meetings will be in October and December, I hope that this is early enough for you to consider at least a tentative acceptance to address one of them.

As background, a copy of our latest Annual Report is enclosed together with a statistical handbook on the U.S.S.R. which we issued recently.

Should you have any questions about the Board, I know that any of our Trustees will provide "security clearance." Mr. E. A. Hammesfahr, our Conference Director, or I will be glad to supply any additional information you may desire. I certainly hope you will find it possible to be with us.